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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
AND 30 YEARS IN STATE COURT FOR CHILD SEX ABUSE**

Baltimore, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, and Patricia C. Jessamy, Baltimore City State's Attorney, announced that yesterday U.S. District Court Judge Andre Davis sentenced Robert Dwayne South, age 30, of Baltimore, Maryland in federal court to 15 years in prison followed by a life term of supervised release in connection with his guilty plea on October 21, 2004 to federal charges that he produced child pornography of a minor. Today South pled guilty before Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge John M. Glynn to a second-degree sex offense and sexual child abuse and was sentenced by Judge Glynn to a 30 year suspended prison term and five years probation, consecutive to his federal sentence.

On or about July 27, 2003 the Baltimore City Police Department responded to a complaint that the defendant had been sexually abusing two minor children. Following his arrest on July 29, 2003 the defendant admitted he had produced visual depictions of a minor child in a pornographic

pose engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant also admitted that he subsequently transported and shipped said images over the Internet via a website on Yahoo.com.

The federal and state cases were investigated by the Baltimore City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The federal case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew Norman and the state case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer McAllister.